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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* in WC Docket No. 02-60  
Request for Short-Term Emergency Relief  
Rural Health Care Program \$400 Million Funding Cap

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules<sup>1</sup> we hereby provide notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above captioned proceeding. On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, Eric Brown, President and CEO of the California Telehealth Network ("CTN") and undersigned counsel met, respectively, with Amy Bender, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly, and Claude Aiken, Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. The purpose of these meetings was to provide an update on CTN's growth and progress in meeting the Commission's policy goals for the Rural Health Care ("RHC") program, to highlight the critical importance of this program, and to discuss the emergency request for interim RHC cap relief filed on November 30, 2016, by CTN and 9 other regional health networks operating in more than 14 states.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Jeffrey Mitchell, Counsel for the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, to the FCC Chairman and Commissioners, WC Docket No. 02-60, Nov. 30, 2016, [https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/11302679329872/201611%20Letter%20from%20SHLB%20Petitioners%20re%20Interim%20RHC%20Cap%20Relief%20\(FINAL\).pdf](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/11302679329872/201611%20Letter%20from%20SHLB%20Petitioners%20re%20Interim%20RHC%20Cap%20Relief%20(FINAL).pdf). Besides CTN, letter participants included:  
New England Telehealth Consortium  
Health Information Exchange Of Montana  
Utah Telehealth Network  
OCHIN  
Texas Health Information Network Collaborative  
Kentucky Telehealth Consortium  
Colorado Telehealth Network  
Southwest Telehealth Access Grid  
Palmetto State Providers Network

We also briefly discussed the petition for rulemaking in the RHC program filed by CTN and other petitioners late last year.<sup>3</sup> Our discussions were consistent with data and arguments presented in the SHLB letter and petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Mitchell', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeffrey A. Mitchell  
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<sup>3</sup> See Petition for Rulemaking by SHLB Coalition, California Telehealth Network, New England Telehealth Consortium, Health Information Exchange of Montana, Utah Telehealth Network, Colorado Telehealth Network, and Southwest Telehealth Access Grid Seeking Amendment of Part 54 of the Commission's Rules to Further Modernize the Rural Health Care Program, WC Docket 02-60 (filed Dec. 7, 2015) <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60001324308>.